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Sir :

In response to the Office Action of December 27, 2007, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on March 27, 2008, the period for responding having been extended to expire on May 27, 2008 by a request for a two-month Extension of Time, submitted concurrently herewith, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of each of the outstanding rejections, as well as an indication of the allowability of each of the claims now pending.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.
Remarks begin on page 12 of this paper.